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In re application of:

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For: DEVICE USED TO AID IN THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF
VEHICLES AND IMPLEMENTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned.

(c) This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

(D) It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

(E) A copy of each document is enclosed.

(F) These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

(G) The relevance of each document will now be discussed.

(H) The 6,208,259 Lemke patent generally discloses an apparatus for indicating the level of harvested cotton in a cotton harvester.

(I) The 6,100,795 Otterbacher et al. patent generally discloses an electronic hitch alignment system which allows a user to back up to an exact location for hitch attachment.

(J) The 5,978,720 Hieronymus et al. patent generally discloses a control station with microprocessor, control key pad and screen for the operation of a combine.

(K) The 5,905,433 Wortham patent generally discloses a device for communication between a tractor and trailer of various forms of data.

(L) The 5,861,814 Clayton patent generally discloses an electronic hitch alignment system which allows a user to back up to an exact location for hitch attachment.

(M) The 5,650,764 McCullough patent generally discloses an electronic hitch alignment system which allows a user to back up to an exact location for hitch attachment with a visual display.

(N) The 5,546,093 Gudat et al. patent generally discloses a system and method for providing navigation signals to an earth moving or construction machine in order to automate these processes.


(O) The 5,108,123 Rubenzik patent generally discloses an electronic hitch alignment system which allows a user to back up to an exact location for hitch attachment.

(P) The 5,068,654 Husher patent generally discloses a collision avoidance system for use with similarly equipped vehicles in order to indicate the location, direction and heading of vehicles or stationary objects.

(Q) The 4,831,539 Hagenbuch patent generally discloses an apparatus and method for locating a vehicle in a working area and for the onboard measurement of parameters indicating the vehicles performance.

(R) The 2,034,616 H. Gossler patent generally discloses a signaling device for vehicles such that a first vehicle may alert a second vehicle of their intended movement.

Respectfully submitted,


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